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SUBJ: REPORTED REPRISALS AGAINST KENYANS IN UGANDA

1. SATURDAY AND SUNDAY EDITIONS OF NAIROBI "NATION" CARRY REPORTS OF WIDESPREAD REPRISALS AGAINST KENYANS RESIDENTS IN UGANDA BY UGANDAN ARMY. ONE REPORT ESTIMATED OVER 200 KENYAN DEATHS. THIS MAY BE EXAGGERATED, BUT SEVERAL DEATHS ARE REPORTEDLY ATTESTED TO BY EYEWITNESSES WHO HAVE FLED INTO KENYA. REPRISALS APPEAR TO BE AT LOCAL INITIATIVE OF INDISCIPLINED ARMY UNITS WHO ARE SMARTING FROM AMIN'S WRATH OVER FAILURE TO REPEL ISRAELI COMMANDOS. ADDITIONAL MOTIVATION IS ATTEMPT TO CAPITALIZE ON FEELING THAT KENYANS ARE FAIR GAME TO DRIVE KENYAN SHOPKEEPERS ACROSS THE BORDER AND SEIZE CONTENTS OF THEIR SHOPS.

2. SUNDAY "NATION" REPORTED WITHOUT ATTRIBUTION THAT MISSING HOSTAGE MRS. DORA BLOCK WAS "SEEN BEING DRAGGED ON MONDAY MORNING FROM A WARD OF MULAGO HOSPITAL BY FOUR MEN IN MILITARY UNIFORM

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WHILE SHE SCREAMED FOR HELP." THE NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT FOES ON TO

CITE "INFORMATION FROM KAMPALA" THAT SHE IS DEAD.

3. IN EFFORT TO MAKE THE PUBLIC RECORD CONSISTENT WITH WHAT KENYA IS SAYING IN SECURITY COUNCIL, SUNDAY "NATION" IN ITS JULY 11 EDITION DISAVOWED ITS REPORT IN JULY 4 EXTRA EDITION THAT THERE WERE EL AL JETS AND A MILITARY PLANE AT NAIROBI AIRPORT DURING RESCUE OPERATION, AND THAT KENYAN SECURITY FORCES HAD TAKEN OVER NAIROBI AIRPORT THREE HOURS BEFORE RAID. "NATION" SAID UPON FURTHER INVESTIGATION THESE REPORTS WERE FALSE, AND BOTH ISRAELI AND KENYAN SOURCES HAD INDICATED THAT KENYA PLAYED NO PART IN RAID.

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